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IN A SOCIETY WHERE MUTANTS AND FORMER MUTANTS ALIKE FEEL THREATENED BY THE WORLD AROUND THEM, THEY TURN TO THEIR FIRST, BEST LINE OF DEFENSE WHENEVER TROUBLE ARISES: X-FACTOR, THE PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY FOUNDED BY MADROX, THE MULTIPLE MAN.

# X-FACTOR

## WHAT'S HAPPENED UP UNTIL NOW

FIRST THERE WAS A BIG BANG, WHICH HAPPENED EITHER BY COSMIC ACCIDENT OR DIVINE PLAN, DEPENDING WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO. FRAGMENTS FLEW IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND EVENTUALLY FORMED THE GALAXIES AND SOLAR SYSTEMS THEREIN. THE EARTH COOLED, LIFE SLUNK OUT OF THE PRIMORDIAL OOZE, MOVING FROM SINGLE-CELL CREATURES TO DINOSAURS TO CHIMPS TO HUMANS, WHO REMAIN ONLY ABOUT 4% DIFFERENT FROM CHIMPS IN THEIR DNA. THEN THERE WERE SOME WARS AND PLAGUES AND THEN STAN LEE AND JACK KIRBY CREATED "THE X-MEN," WHICH WAS CANCELLED BUT THEN REVIVED, BECAME A BEST SELLER AND LED TO LOTS OF SPIN-OFFS. AND EVENTUALLY THE X-MEN BROKE UP BUT WERE LATER REUNITED AS X-FACTOR, BUT THEN THEY STOPPED BEING X-FACTOR AND A BUNCH OF GUYS WHO NO ONE WAS THAT INTERESTED IN BECAME X-FACTOR. IT WAS EVENTUALLY CANCELLED. BUT THEN ANDY SCHMIDT GOT THE BRIGHT IDEA TO DO A LIMITED SERIES BASED ON "MADROX," CALLED IN PETER DAVID TO WRITE IT AND PABLO RAIMONDI TO PENCIL IT, AND IT SOLD REAL WELL AND NOW HERE WE ALL ARE.



IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BLOWOUT WITH SINGULARITY INVESTIGATIONS, THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF X-FACTOR HAD A SIT-DOWN WITH PSYCHIATRIST DOC SAMSON. IN THE COURSE OF IT, MADROX ADMITTED TO DOC THAT HE'D BEEN INVOLVED WITH BOTH MONET AND SIRYN. DOC RECOMMENDED BEING HONEST WITH BOTH OF THEM. IT DIDN'T GO ESPECIALLY WELL.

MEANTIME GUIDO DEALS WITH THE AFTERMATH OF HAVING, WHILE UNDER MIND CONTROL, KILLED DR. HENRY BUCHANAN.

THERE WAS ACTUALLY A LOT MORE STUFF THAN THAT, BUT REALLY, WE'D MUCH RATHER THAT YOU JUST GO OUT AND BUY THE THINGS.

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WAAAAAH, THIS  
DAY ISN'T GOING  
THE WAY I'D HOPED.

OKAY, MADROX. STAY COOL.  
THINK OF SOMETHING  
INCREIDLBY CLEVER TO SAY.

HEY,  
THERE.

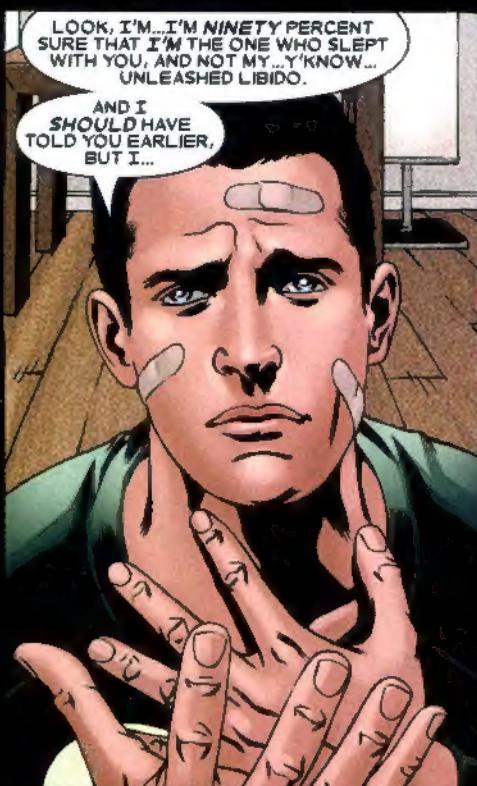
PERFECT. THERE'S  
DAZZLINGLY WITTY  
REPARTEE FOR YOU.

THEN AGAIN, EVEN THOUGH  
I'M TRYING TO GET MY ACT  
TOGETHER, THIS HASN'T  
EXACTLY BEEN MY DAY FOR  
KNOWING JUST WHAT TO SAY  
OR WHAT TO DO, HAS IT?

CONSIDERING IT STARTED OFF  
WITH MY FAILING SPECTACULARLY  
IN FENCE-MENDING WITH THERESA  
AND MONET, THE BEST THING  
ONE CAN SAY ABOUT ME TODAY...

# MAD MAX: FURY ROAD PART

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I CHANGED  
MY MIND. I CAN'T  
DO THIS.

GUIDO...I  
DINNA WANNA BE  
HERE, YE FORCED  
ME SO I COULD  
FORCE YE, JUST GET  
ON WITH IT, OKAY?  
BUT BE TACTFUL.

KNOCK  
KNOCK

OH! MISTER,  
UH...CAROSELLA,  
IS IT...? OF  
X-FACTOR?

YEAH.

AND MISS  
SINCLAIR. I...  
WASN'T EXPECTING  
TO SEE YOU.

HAS THERE  
BEEN A BREAK  
IN THE CASE? DO WE  
KNOW WHERE--?

SCREW THIS.  
I SHOULD JUST TURN  
MYSELF OVER TO THE  
COPS, GET IT OVER  
WITH...

IF THAT'S  
WHAT YE WANT  
T'DO, I WON'T  
STAND IN YUR  
W--

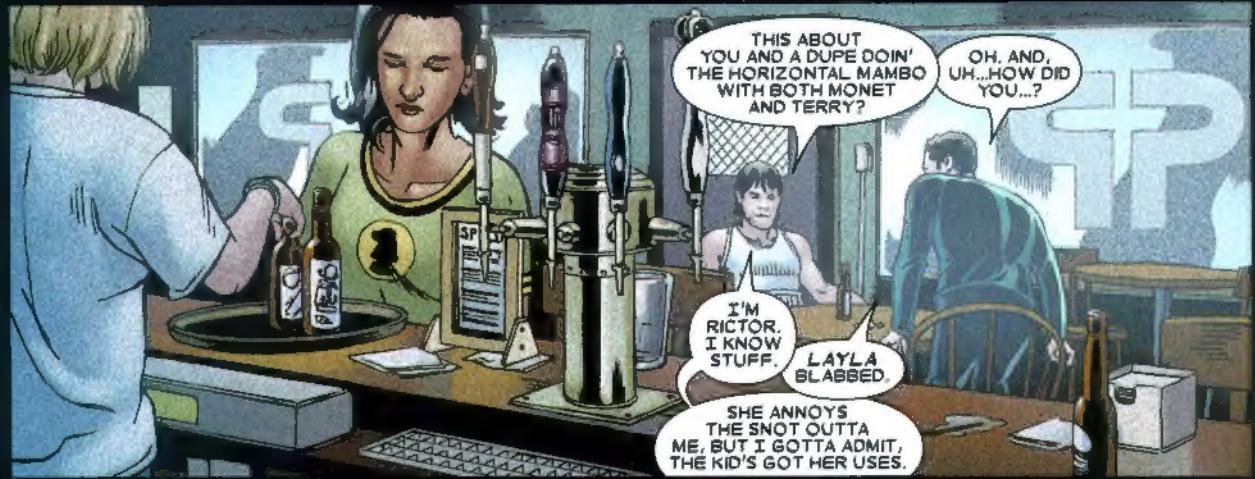
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BUCHANAN?  
YOU OKAY?  
MIZZ  
BUCHANAN?

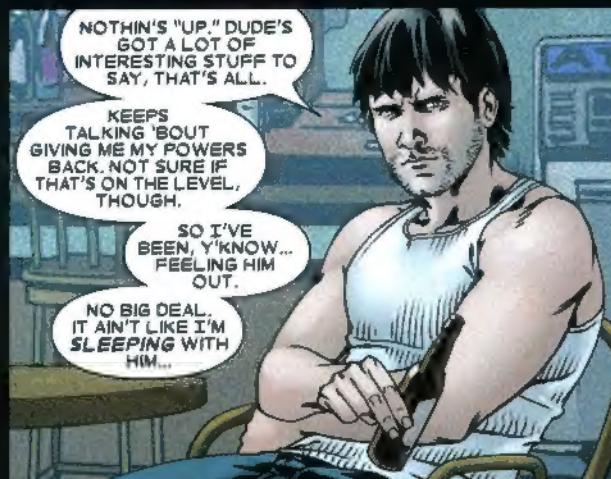
YOUR  
HUSBAND'S  
DEAD. REASON  
I KNOW THAT  
IS 'CAUSE I  
KILLED HIM.  
CRUSHED HIS  
THROAT.

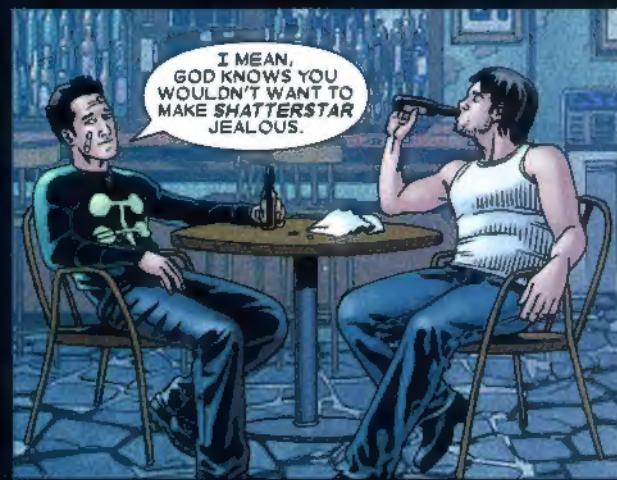
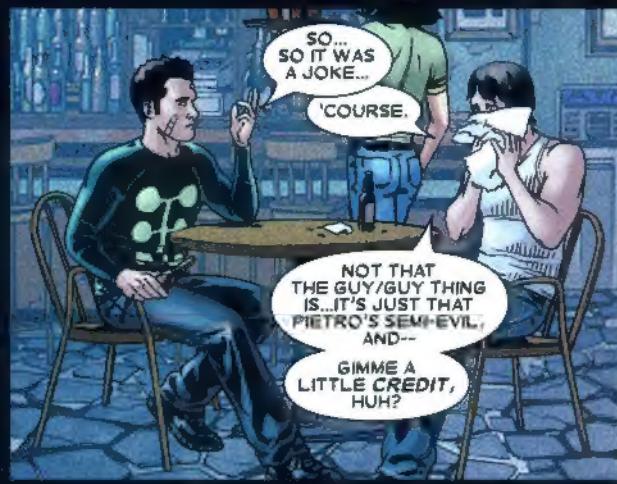
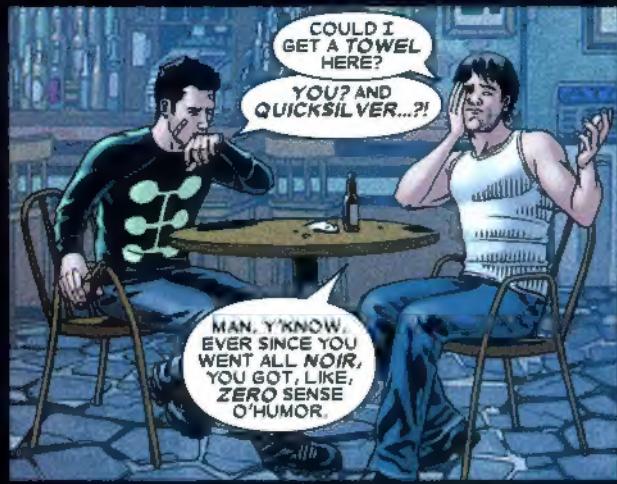
WE'D LIKE  
TO COME IN AN'  
EXPLAIN TO  
YE WHAT--

YEAH,  
BLOODY  
TACTFUL,  
THAT.

WUMF!









SO...THAT'S  
THE WHOLE STORY  
GUIDO WANTED YE  
TO KNOW...



AND NOW  
YOU'RE SAYING  
HE'S...HE'S ALL  
RIGHT?

KINDA  
DEPENDS IN  
WHAT SENSE  
YA MEAN.

WE BROUGHT  
IN A HYPNOTHERAPIST  
WHO UNDID SINGULARITY'S  
DAMAGE AMONG OTHER  
THINGS. GUIDO NOW  
REMEMBERS WHERE SI'S  
OPERATIVES, UHM



DUMPED  
THE BODY

AYE, THE POLICE  
WERE ALERTED VIA AN  
"ANONYMOUS" TIPSTER,  
SO THEY'VE DOUBTLESS  
RECOVERED IT

...HIM...  
RECOVERED  
HIM...

...SO  
YE'LL LIKELY  
BE HEARING  
FROM, UH...



...





AS SURE AS I KNOW ANYTHING,  
GUIDO'S MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE,  
TALKING TO ALIX BUCHANAN I  
CAN JUST IMAGINE IT' THE  
SCREAMING THE RECRIMINATIONS

HE KILLED HER HUSBAND  
SHE'S NOT GONNA LET HIM  
WALK AWAY FROM THAT  
SHE'S PROBABLY CALLING  
THE COPS RIGHT NOW

I WISH I COULD HELP HIM, OR  
HER, OR SOMEBODY. BUT HOW  
CAN I DO THAT WHEN I CAN'T  
EVEN HELP MYSELF?

SO I FIGURE MAYBE I NEED  
SOMEBODY TO HELP ME  
HELP MYSELF. AND THERE'S  
ONLY ONE GUY FOR THE JOB

IT'S A GORGEOUS DAY AT  
THE CENTRAL PARK ZOO  
I LIKE LOOKING AT ZOO  
ANIMALS

SOME PEOPLE GET OUTRAGED  
AT THE CAGED BEASTS. THEY  
SAY IT'S UNNATURAL. WRONG

I SAY THEY'RE LUCKY  
NO DECISIONS NO CHOOSING  
WHO LIVES AND WHO DIES

IT'S  
BLISS

REMEMBER  
CUTE AND CUDDLY,  
BOYS CUTE AND  
CUDDLY."

YOU ARE  
AWARE, JAMIE,  
THAT YOU COULD  
HAVE JUST COME  
TO MY OFFICE

YEAH, I  
KNOW THANKS  
FOR COMING OUT  
HERE, DOC

NOT A  
PROBLEM "LEONARD  
SAMSON, SHRINK HAVE  
COUCH, WILL TRAVEL"  
IT'S RIGHT ON MY  
BUSINESS CARD.

SO HOW  
ARE THINGS  
WITH MONET  
AND THERESA  
GOING?

HOW  
DO YOU  
THINK?

WELL, I  
DON'T SEE GLASS  
SHARDS IN YOUR HAIR,  
SO I TAKE IT YOU  
HAVEN'T BEEN THROWN  
THROUGH ANOTHER  
WINDOW

WHICH,  
DON'T GET ME  
WRONG, IS A  
NICE CHANGE  
OF PACE.

BUT I WAS  
HOPING FOR MORE  
OUT OF LIFE THAN  
NOT BEING  
DEFENESTRATED,  
Y KNOW?



I READ  
WITHIN A FEW DECADES,  
POLAR BEARS MIGHT BE  
EXTINCT 'CAUSE OF GLOBAL  
WARMING, COURTESY  
OF MANKIND.



HOW DO  
YOU FEEL ABOUT  
THAT?

IT SUCKS  
FOR ONE THING,  
WHAT'LL THEY USE  
TO SELL "COCA-  
COLA?"

YES, THAT'S  
THE TRUE TRAGEDY  
OF IT. COME ON,  
JAMIE



I THINK IT  
SHOWS THAT THINGS  
OF BEAUTY CAN BE HURT  
WITHOUT ANYBODY  
INTENDING TO

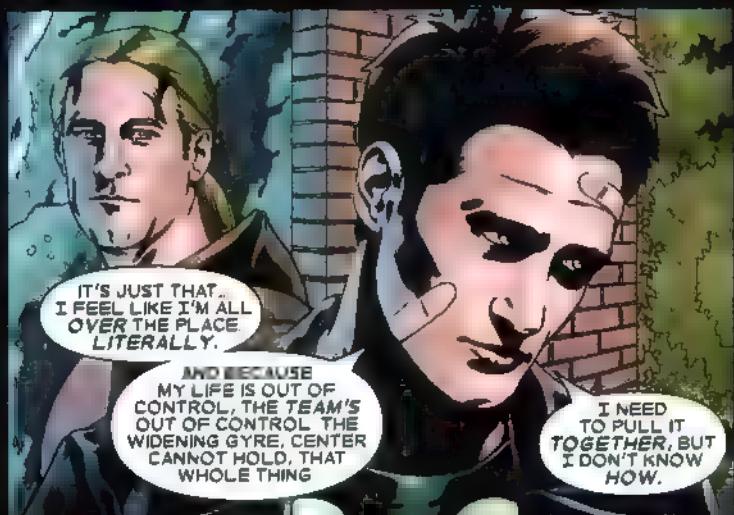
IS THAT WHAT  
YOU BELIEVE YOU  
DID WITH THERESA  
AND MONET?



JAMIE?

IT'S JUST THAT...  
I FEEL LIKE I'M ALL  
OVER THE PLACE  
LITERALLY.

AND BECAUSE  
MY LIFE IS OUT OF  
CONTROL, THE TEAM'S  
OUT OF CONTROL. THE  
WIDENING GYRE, CENTER  
CANNOT HOLD, THAT  
WHOLE THING



I NEED  
TO PULL IT  
TOGETHER, BUT  
I DON'T KNOW  
HOW.

IN WHAT RESPECT  
IS YOUR LIFE OUT  
OF CONTROL?

YOU MEAN  
ASIDE FROM FINDING  
OUT I'M NOT  
TECHNICALLY A MUTANT,  
BUT PART OF THIS "THIS  
"OTHER RACE"...AND I'M  
NOT EVEN SURE WHAT  
THAT MEANS YET?

BESIDES  
THAT.

WELL, MY  
DUPES ARE LITERALLY  
ALL OVER THE PLACE  
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE RUNNING  
THE SHOW AND I'M PLAYING  
CATCH-UP AND DAMAGE  
CONTROL.

ONE'S  
APPARENTLY  
WORKING FOR  
SHIELD, OF  
ALL THINGS

AND THERE'RE  
OTHERS I SENT  
OUT IN MY "GREAT  
ODYSSEY OF LEARNING"  
WHO STILL HAVEN'T  
COME BACK.

WELL,  
THAT'S CERTAINLY  
A PLACE TO START,  
ISN'T IT?

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN, A  
PLACE TO--?

OH! YOU  
MEAN GET MYSELF  
TOGETHER BY DOING  
THAT LITERALLY, GO  
OUT AND GATHER UP  
MY STRAY DUPES

IT'S A  
WAY TO START,  
CERTAINLY

I THINK  
YOU'RE RIGHT. I MEAN,  
HOW CAN I BE IN CHARGE  
OF ANYONE ELSE IF I'M  
NOT IN CHARGE OF  
MYSELF?

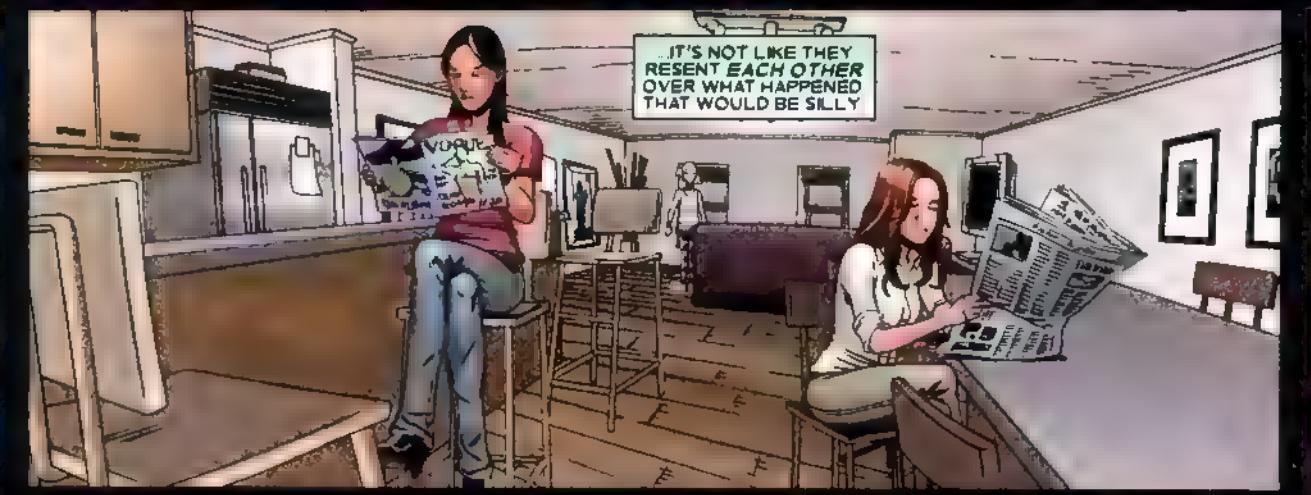
IT MIGHT BE  
TRICKY FROM WHAT  
YOU'VE SAID,  
YOUR DUPES CAN BE  
UNPREDICTABLE.

AH! WHAT'S  
THE WORST THAT  
COULD HAPPEN?

WOW NO  
MONKEY'S EVER  
THROWN  
EXCREMENT AT  
ME BEFORE

THINK  
THAT'S AN  
OMEN?

LET'S  
HOPE NOT

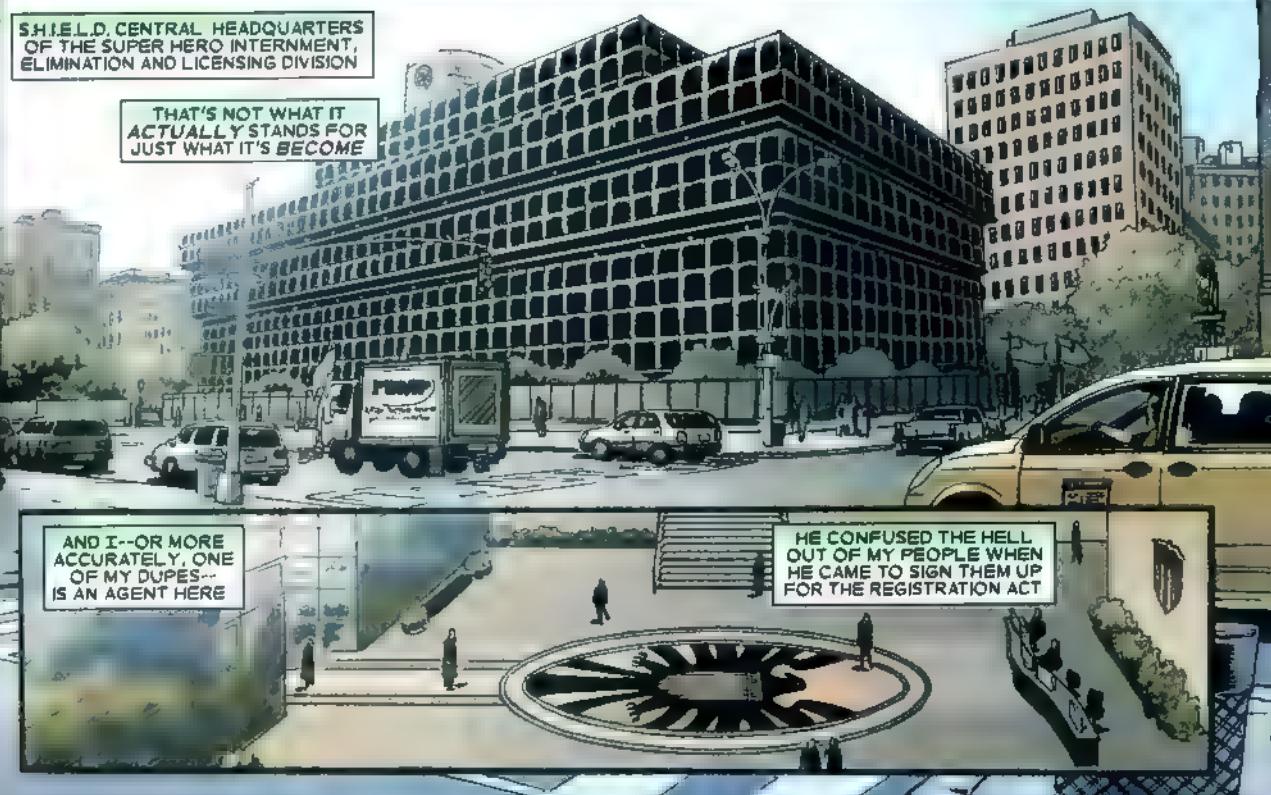






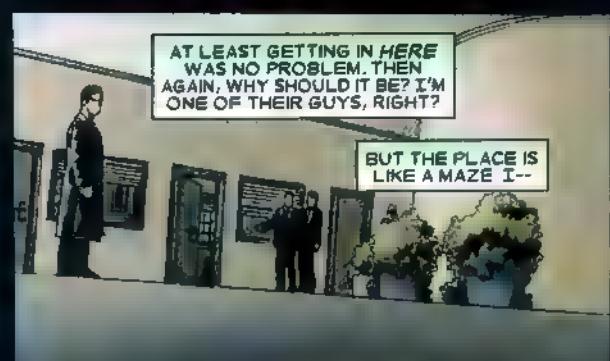
SHIELD. CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE SUPER HERO INTERNTION,  
ELIMINATION AND LICENSING DIVISION

THAT'S NOT WHAT IT  
ACTUALLY STANDS FOR  
JUST WHAT IT'S BECOME



AND I--OR MORE  
ACCURATELY, ONE  
OF MY DUPES--  
IS AN AGENT HERE

HE CONFUSED THE HELL  
OUT OF MY PEOPLE WHEN  
HE CAME TO SIGN THEM UP  
FOR THE REGISTRATION ACT



EVERY TIME I COME OUT OF A SESSION WITH DOC, I DO SOMETHING... AND IT WINDS UP A COMPLETE DISASTER. YOU'D THINK I'D GET THE HINT.



VAL?!?





 WELL, THEY DIDN'T GO FOR THE "DUPES BECOMING UNSTABLE" THING... 'CEPT THAT MIGHT BE MORE ACCURATE THAN EVEN I WANT TO ADMIT.

MAYBE I DID UNDERESTIMATE THEM...BUT THEY UNDERESTIMATED ME AS WELL.



I HAVE A LOW-LEVEL PSYCHIC LINK TO ALL MY DUPES. I CAN TRACK ONE TO A GENERAL AREA BY CONCENTRATING...

...AND THE CLOSER I GET, THE MORE I KNOW IT.

EXCUSE ME, MISTER...?

HE WAS THERE, IN THE NEXT ROOM OR SOMEWHERE CLOSE. AND THAT MEANS--

MISTER?

SORRY, HONEY, I WAS HAVING AN INNER MONOLOGUE.

WHAT?

NOTHING. WHAT'S UP?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY SOME COOKIES? I HAVE THIN MINTS.

OH, YEAH?



WHY  
DO YOU THINK  
THAT W--?

FHOOOF

UNHHHHH...

FUNNY  
GUY...

INFORM OUR LEADER WE HAVE  
CAPTURED AGENT JAMES MADROX OF  
S.H.I.E.L.D. WE ARE ON OUR WAY BACK  
TO HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY  
TO PROCEED WITH THE  
PLAN.

SCHNELL!  
SCHNELL!

WELL  
DONE! HAIL  
HYDRA!  
LET'S  
GO!

LIKE I SAID...IF  
NOTHING ELSE,  
YOU HAVE TO  
ADMIRE THE  
CONSISTENCY.

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